

## Who we are and what we do:

The Mission of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is to preserve, conserve, manage, protect, and enhance the fish and wildlife of the state and their habitats for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the citizens of Tennessee and its visitors. The Agency will foster the safe use of the state's waters through a program of law enforcement, education, and access.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has come a long way since it was established in 1949 and was called the Game and Fish Commission. Completely reorganized in 1974, it now consists of more than 600 professionals dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and enhancement of Tennessee's fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Tennesseans and our visitors.

## How you can make a difference in this role:

This position represents the Director level job class in the field of wildlife management and program planning. As such, the selected applicant is positioned to provide guidance in the transformation of this unique state agency. This position is an executive level leader and is a member of the senior leadership team. This role has the ability to influence the strategic direction of wildlife management State wide, driving the Executive Director's vision of becoming the premier wildlife resources agency.

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## Chief, Wildlife Division

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
State of Tennessee

Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to contribute in a significant way to a nationally recognized wildlife management organization? We are seeking a highly motivated, collaborative, experienced executive-level individual to lead the agency's Wildlife Division.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinates the overall wildlife programmatic functions of the Agency including program planning, data collection and analysis, development of rules, regulation, and proclamations, and provides leadership in the development and implementation wildlife programs.
- Plans and leads wildlife programs on a statewide scale, experience in supervision of program coordinators, and coordination skills to work with other divisions, regional personnel, and other departments in the overall implementation of broad scale programs for game and non-game species and users is essential.
- Provides supervision, management, and coaching to peers and employees to ensure the State's wildlife resources are managed using balanced scientific approaches. Promote learning opportunities for Agency staff to increase knowledge and skills in the ever changing field of wildlife management.
- Develops presentations for a variety of audiences including wildlife biologists, the general public, user groups, administrators, political groups, and board members.
- Communicate Tennessee's wildlife programs on a regional and national scale and represent Tennessee's perspective within the context of multi-state and national programs.
- Oversees the operations of the Wildlife Management Division and facilitates effective wildlife operations between Nashville Headquarters and Regional personnel.
- Assists in the development and implementation of long and short term Agency goals, objectives, and strategies.

### Minimum Qualifications:

A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in wildlife or fisheries management, wildlife biology, or other related field.

### Required Experience:

A minimum of five years of increasingly responsible, professional experience in wildlife resources, including at least two years of professional supervisory work.

Additional graduate course work in wildlife management or other related field may be substituted for one year of the required experience, there being no substitution for the required two years of supervisory experience.

### To apply:

Please submit your resume to Randi Tarpy, Human Resources Chief at [Randi.S.Tarpy@tn.gov](mailto:Randi.S.Tarpy@tn.gov).

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